

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
OVERSIGHT DIVISION

FISCAL NOTE

L.R. No.: 0773-01
Bill No.: HB 0365
Subject: Waives 6-month waiting period for adopting a foster child under certain conditions.
Type: Original
Date: February 2, 2001

FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON STATE FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> State Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004
Local Government	\$0	\$0	\$0

Numbers within parentheses: () indicate costs or losses.

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FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

Officials from the **Department of Social Services (DOS)** stated the DOS does not expect a fiscal impact from this legislation. Children receiving services in foster care will be receiving similar services through the adoption subsidy program. The DOS officials stated that by statute (453.073 RSMo), adoption subsidy may not exceed the expenses of foster care.

Officials from the **Office of State Courts Administrator** stated the proposed legislation would not fiscally impact their organization.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2002 (10 Mo.)	FY 2003	FY 2004
	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	FY 2002 (10 Mo.)	FY 2003	FY 2004
	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

No direct fiscal impact to small businesses would be expected as a result of this proposal.

DESCRIPTION

The proposed legislation waives the six month waiting period for the adoption of a foster child if the person desiring to adopt the child is the child's current foster parent and the child has been in the lawful and actual custody of the petitioner for at least six months prior to the entry of the adoption decree, thereby expediting the adoption process.

This legislation is not federally mandated, would not duplicate any other program and would not require additional capital improvements or rental space.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Department of Social Services
Office of State Courts Administrator

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeanne Jarrett". The signature is stylized with a large initial "J" and a cursive "e" at the end.

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Director

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